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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A clip, comprising:
two plates;
a spacer that connects the plates and that holds the plates apart by a gap; and
at least one part of a hook-and-loop fastener attached to at least one of the plates
opposite the other of the plates.
2. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the plates are substantially parallel.
3. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the plates and the spacer are formed
from a single piece of material.
4. (Original) A clip as in claim 3, wherein the single piece of material is a steel
plate.
5. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the two plates are square or rectangular
shaped.

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6. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the two plates are differently sized from each other.
7. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the two plates are same sized as each other.
8. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the two plates each have a surface area of several inches.
9. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer connects the two plates at an edge of each plate.
10. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer is flat.
11. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer is curved in a semi-circle, with the inside of the semi-circle toward the gap.
12. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer holds the two plates so that the gap is one or more inches.

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13. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer includes one or more holes that can be used to secure the clip using nails or bolts.

14. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer is adjustable so as to adjust the gap.

15. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, further comprising a rubberized coating on the other of the plates without the hook-and-loop type fastener.

16. (Original) A clip as in claim 15, wherein the rubberized coating is opposite the part of the hook-and-loop type faster on the clip.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of using one or more clips, each clip including two plates, a spacer that connects the plates and that holds the plates apart by a gap, and at least one part of a hook-and-loop fastener attached to at least one of the plates opposite the other of the plates at least a gap and one part of a hook and loop fastener. the method comprising the steps of:

slipping the clips into place on a floor, deck, cover, roof, board, truss, pipe, sign, or bridgework; and

attaching a cover, sheet, drape, curtain, board, screen, or tarp to the clips via the hook-and-loop type fastener.

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18. (Original) A method as in claim 17, further comprising the step of adjusting the size of the gap for each of the clips.

19. (Original) A method as in claim 17, further comprising the step of securing the clips in place using nails or bolts.

20. (Original) A clip, comprising:

a plate;

one or more structures for fastening the plate to an object; and

at least one part of a hook-and-loop fastener attached to the plate.